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The application relates to a method for reliably cancelling charge cards (1) and at the same time for recycling for further use. The charge card preferably contains a micro chip (5). For performing this method an apparatus is used. This apparatus contains a matrix (12) with a slot (13) for receiving the card (1) and a stamp (7) containing at least one punch (9) and a tip (10). Operating the stamp (7) destroys the micro chip (5) with the tip (1) through mechanical overstressing and thereafter perforation of the charge card (1) within the same working cycle.